



TALK IT OVER

The Full Story

BOTTOM LINE

We are saved for far more than heaven.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Have you ever been robbed? If so, what did they take? If not, what would you most hate to be taken?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Identity in Christ](#) by Tim Keller (8.5 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. John 10:10 NIV

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:1-5 NIV

“Recognizing the reality of life without Christ – that we are dead, disobedient, depraved, and doomed – is essential to experiencing transformation.” – Dwight Mason

“God transforms our identity before we change our behavior. Yet, when He changes our identity, our behavior changes.” – Dwight Mason

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Our identity is changed in a moment when we put our faith in Christ. In Ephesians 2:4-5, we see the profound contrast between our spiritual state before and after God’s intervention. How does understanding God’s mercy and love shape your perspective on your own salvation journey? Ephesians 2:8-9 emphasizes that salvation is a gift from God and not based on our works. How does this challenge common misconceptions about earning salvation through good works and keeping the law? How does it impact your understanding of grace? How does 2:4-5, which speaks of God’s great love for us, inspire and empower us to love Him in return? How can our understanding of God’s love shape our love for others? How does the transformative power of God’s grace challenge us to rethink our attitudes toward those who may seem spiritually lost or hopeless? How has experiencing God’s transforming grace unlocked purpose, passion, power, and peace for you? How are you experiencing “more than heaven” through recognizing His provision for you beginning with salvation?

ACTION STEP

I recognize God, who is rich in mercy, is delighted to provide a new identity and ongoing transformation, purpose, passion, power, and peace as I give myself to Him. It has nothing to do with my effort or behavior. I will accept His pure mercy, grace, and kindness and worship Him. _____

